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Reply to Final Office Action dated June 9, 2009

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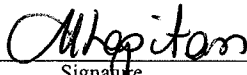
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 10/018,823  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on September 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants submit this response prior to the two-month date of August 9, 2009.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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